

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 1 on Page 1, with the following amended paragraph:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of, claims priority to, and incorporates herein by reference in its entirety, pending United States patent application Serial No. 09/596,712 (Attorney Docket No. IDS 1999-0408), filed June 19, 2000 that The present application is related to application Serial No. 09/597,392 (Atty docket IDS 1999-0409), entitled Voice-Data Integrated Multiaccess By Self-Reservation and Stabilized Aloha Contention, invented by J.-M. Ho, and filed ~~concurrently with the present application~~ June 19, 2000; and is a continuation-in-part patent application of patent application Serial No. 09/222,879, entitled Multimedia Packet Multiple Assess To High-Speed Local-Loop Broadcast Channels: Algorithm Design, invented by J.-M. Ho, and filed December 30, 1998; a continuation-in-part patent application of patent application Serial No. 09/222,878, entitled "Multimedia Packet Multiple Access To High-Speed Local-Loop Broadcast Channels: Protocol Architecture, invented by J.-M. Ho, and filed December 30, 1999, each of which is related to Provisional patent application 60/103,370, filed October 7, 1998, now expired; each of which is incorporated by reference herein.